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Poll code kicks in

Papers needed for cash over Rs. 50,000

50 flying squads, 42 static surveillance teams, 23 video surveillance teams, 12 video viewing teams to keep vigil

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (BS)- District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra asked people and traders to possess valid documents if they were carrying cash above Rs. 50,000 and gift articles more than Rs. 10,000

Addressing media persons at D. Devaraj Urs Hall in Zilla Panchayat on Saturday, he said the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) had come into effect in Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency ahead of the Lok Sabha elections and asked people, traders and business people to carry valid documents while travelling with excess cash.

He said that static surveillance teams, flying squads and the Police will initiate action in various parts of the Constituency. He appealed to the public not to carry more than Rs. 50,000 cash and gift more than Rs. 10,000.

He said: "Documents are unnecessary if the public are carrying cash less than Rs. 50,000 and gift items worth less than Rs. 10,000. If the cash or gifts are of higher value, then people may need to produce valid documents to explain the source of the money."

District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra addressing a press conference in the city yesterday along with City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, SP Seema Latkar, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and ADC Shivaraju.

If substantiating documents are provided to demonstrate that the cash is unrelated to election activities, the seized amount will be released subsequently. However, failure to provide such documentation will lead to the initiation of appropriate actions against the carriers.

A dedicated team has been assigned to monitor online monetary transactions and a committee comprising the Lead Bank Manager and all bank managers has been established to oversee this matter, he added.

(See POLL CODE on page 7)

Arms licence holders must deposit weapons

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (KS)- Following the announcement of the Lok Sabha polls schedule and the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct until June 6, City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh has issued a directive urging all fire-arm licence holders to surrender their weapons at their respective jurisdictional Police Stations.

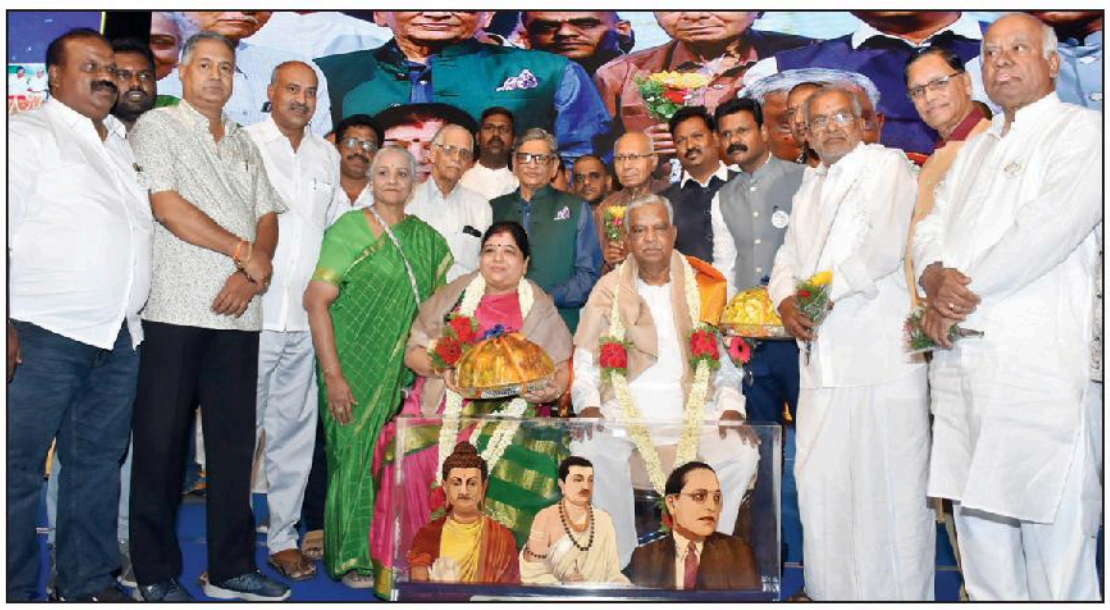
This measure aims to ensure the smooth conduct of free and fair elections, mitigating the potential for any untoward incidents.

In his order, the City's Top Cop emphasised that due to the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct from March 16 until June 6, the carrying of firearms, explosives and other lethal weapons within the limits of the Mysuru City Police Commissionerate has been prohibited. Licenced firearm owners are mandated to deposit their weapons at their jurisdictional Police Stations until the conclusion of the election process.

Exceptions may be considered for armed security guards at banks, security personnel of organisations and other individuals seeking exemption from the depositing requirement. Such individuals are required to submit a written application, which will be reviewed by the 'screening committee.' Further actions will be determined based on the committee's assessment of the applications.

50-year fete of V. Sreenivasa Prasad's political career inaugurated in city

Former CM S.M. Krishna and other dignitaries release biography *'Swabhimaniya Nenapugalu'*



MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and his wife Bhagyalakshmi were felicitated at a programme at KSOU Convocation Hall in the city this morning. Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, former Minister PGR Sindhia, litterateur C.P. Krishna Kumar, former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna, former Chairman of Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta and others are seen.

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (BLU&BS)- The Golden Jubilee celebrations of former Union Minister and incumbent Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad's political career was inaugurated at Convocation Hall of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mukthagangothri campus in the city this morning. A biography of Prasad in Kannada titled 'Swabhimaniya Nenapugalu' was also released on the occasion.

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, who inaugurated the programme by lighting the candles as a mark of tribute to the portraits of Buddha, Basava and Ambedkar, elaborately spoke on the political situations of the past and present, eroding social values and the influence of money in the elections, all posing a grave threat to the democracy.

Exuding confidence that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will return to office for the third consecutive term (with the general elections to Lok Sabha declared now), Krishna, also a former Union Minister for External Affairs, appealed to Modi to devise any tactics to rein in money flow and safeguard democracy in the present scenario.

(See PRASAD on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Adieu my gentleman politician: 'Mayor' Vasu."*** **—Ed**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 17th March 2024

Intl. Women's Day at ATME College of Engineering

Mysuru, Mar. 17- International Women's Day-2024 celebration was organised by Women's Cell of ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE), Mysuru, in association with AFH India, Mumbai, at ATMECE campus recently.

Dr. Purnima K. Murthy, Director & Chief Consultant, Prajna Kuteera, Mysuru, who was the chief guest, said: "Women are cultural ambassadors as they pass on art and heritage to the next generation. So, women are highly responsible and sensible in carrying out each task."

She also mentioned about education being imparted to women since ancient history.

Jyothi Shankar, Asst. Professor, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, who was the guest of honour, spoke about the perspective of present generation and the impact of social media on them, which makes them ignore their responsibilities in the name of modernity.

Dr. M.S. Govinde Gowda, Dean - Academics, ATMECE, spoke on the importance of girls education. Dr. Sachidanandamurthy, Administrative Officer, ATMECE, spoke on gender equality and advocated equal right and education throughout the ages.

Dr. S.R. Bhagyashree, Chairperson of Women's Cell & College Internal Complaints Committee (CICC), ATME, briefed about the events and activities conducted in the college, as part of Women's Day. Dr. L. Basavaraj, In-charge Principal & Director, IQAC, delivered the presidential address. V. Madhurya, a I year student, rendered the invocation. S.L. Gagana, a II year student, welcomed the gathering. Tasbiya Taskin, a I year student, was the Master of Ceremony.

The dignitaries distributed prizes to winners of several competitions. Programme Coordinators, faculty members and students were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE POWER OF WOMEN: ***Some may believe International Women's Day is a modern day construct; however, celebration of women power is an ancient one in our culture, dating back eons. Karadaiyan Nonbu is one such, said Suchithra Balasubramanian in a discourse.***

We are all asked to chant, *Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu* ***(May all beings everywhere be happy and free). One should always pray for the well-being of others, since God comes rushing to the aid of those one prays for. The observance of Karadaiyan Nonbu is in line with this principle. Also known as Gauri puja, on this day, women pray to Goddess Devi for the longevity and health of their husband.***

Falling in the cusp of the end of the Tamil month Maasi and start of Panguni, the nonbu celebrates Savitri's unwavering love and presence of mind, which helped her wrest her husband literally from the jaws of death.

At the end of a year of the marriage, Yama, the God of Death, arrived to claim Satyavan's life. Known as someone who showed neither fear nor favour in his duty, he was nevertheless moved by Savitri's love. He offered her a boon. The clever woman said she wanted to birth a few children. Yama quickly granted her wish, before realising that to do so, he would have to allow Satyavan live. *—In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Rats eat up marijuana kept in Police Station

New Orleans: The headquarters of New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) have become so overrun with vermin that rats have been feasting on confiscated marijuana, according to Police Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick.

"The rats eating our marijuana, they're all high," Anne Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick told the New Orleans City Council that these conditions are not only unsanitary but also demoralising to staff and unappealing to potential recruits.

The unsanitary conditions have even led to the marijuana stored as evidence being eaten by rats. While experts say it is unlikely the rats are getting "high" in the same way humans do, the situation highlights the dire need for the NOPD to move to a new facility.

This cat looks like a cartoon character

Moscow: Four-year-old Fedya, a gray rescued cat from Russia, has become a social media sensation thanks to his funny permanently startled look.

When Fedya's owner, Natalya Zhdanova, found him in her backyard in 2020, she had no idea he would one day become an Instagram star with over 300,000 followers. At the time, she wasn't even sure he would survive. He was born with a coordination issue and struggled to move around, but as he grew, his condition improved, and before long he was behaving like a normal cat, although he didn't really look like one. Natalya claims she didn't really notice his unusual looks, but her friends always seemed amused by Fedya's constantly startled appearance, and she reluctantly started posting photos of him on social media. The rest, as they say, is history.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Blood in stools is one of the common symptoms of rectal cancer and occurs early in the disease and should not be ignored.

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Admissions to Cost & Management Accountants Course

Mysuru, Mar. 17- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru, has started admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of Cost & Management Accountants (CMA) for (June 2024 batch) December-2024 term exam.

Eligibility for admission: Foundation Course - Pass in II PUC; Intermediate Course - Pass in Foundation or any Degree and Final Course - Pass in Intermediate course of CMA.

Interested candidates may visit ICAI Office in Krishnamurthypuram between 10 am and 12 noon or 5 pm and 7.30 pm or contact Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 97317-89222.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **87.67 feet**	Today's level **2,267.37 feet**	Today's level **2,829.78 feet**
Last year's level **103.18 feet**	Last year's level **2,262.13 feet**	Last year's level **2,827.24 feet**
Yesterday's level **87.78 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,267.47 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.85 feet**
Today's Inflow **135 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **65 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **750 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Plastic surgery wasn't a modern invention after all — it was already being practised in India by 2000 BC. Not just plastic surgery, but also other complicated surgeries like dental surgery, cataract surgery, artificial limbs, rhinoplasty (restoration of a damaged nose), caesareans and even brain surgery were first performed by the ancient Indian Physician Sushruta, without the sophisticated instruments of today.***
- ***Sushruta is widely regarded as the 'Father of Indian Surgery and Ophthalmology.'***
- ***Indians were the first to use the decimal system and Mathematician Aryabhatt was associated with it.***
- ***Indians made three important contributions – notation system, decimal system and usage of zero.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Benny: *Don't be afraid of my dog, Linda; you know the old proverb "A barking dog seldom bites."*

Linda: *Yes, I know. But does the dog know it?!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 82.89**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 105.52**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.57**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.31**

VOICE OF THE READER

Prompt action: Kudos to new MCC Comr. Madhu

Then

Now

Sir,

Since the last two months I was complaining to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities regarding the damaged road causing hardship to commuters in Saraswathipuram but of no use.

Recently I requested the new MCC Commissioner Dr. Madhu through a message highlighting the problem. Within 12 hours, she ensured that the road is retained in original condition.

Kudos to our new lady MCC Commissioner for quick and prompt action, keeping the interests of tax-paying citizens in mind.

—Dr. T. Mruthyunjayaswamy
Mysuru
16.3.2024

A clarification

New MCC Commissioner

In the news item titled ***"MCC to increase Property Tax from Apr. 1"*** published in yesterday's *Star of Mysore*, it was inadvertently omitted to mention that "Dr. N.N. Madhu, KAS (Senior Scale), has recently been appointed as the new Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in place of Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, who has been transferred as Commissioner of Vijayapura City Corporation ahead of Lok Sabha (LS) polls."

Shariff

Dr. Madhu

Dr. Madhu was serving as Joint Director of Women and Child Development Department in Bengaluru before coming to Mysuru. **—Ed**

Inauguration of CET and NEET coaching classes on Mar. 19

Prof. Siddappa

Mysuru, Mar. 17- The city's Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Vasudeva Bhat will inaugurate the coaching classes for post PUC Common Entrance Test (CET) and National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), organised by the Competitive Examinations Coaching Centre of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, at Cauvery Auditorium in Muktagangothri campus on Hunsur Road at 11 am on Mar. 19. National Science Day will also be celebrated on the occasion.

Former Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Siddappa will deliver the keynote address.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse will preside over the event.

The interested Second PU students can enrol for the coaching classes even now by bringing their parents, according to a press release.

Newspaper distributors pay tributes to former MLA Vasu

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (RK&KS)- City newspaper distributors, yesterday, paid tributes to former MLA Vasu, who passed away on Mar. 9. Vasu was the Hon. President of Adhikruta Patrika Prathinidhigala Sangha. Tributes were paid to the portrait of late Vasu near Dufferin Clock Tower in city.

Speaking on the occasion, Sangha President P. Suresh said that Vasu had served at the Hon. President of the Sangha, served in politics, field of sports and education and also in media sector.

Former Corporator P. Prashanth Gowda recollected his association with Vasu.

Sangha Gen. Secretary A. Ravi said that Vasu had served as the MLA of Chamaraja Constituency and was responsible for the construction of many hospitals thus coming to the aid of poor patients.

Former Mysuru District Journalists' Association (MDJA) S.T. Ravikumar (RK), *Prajanudi* Editor Veerabhadrappa, Newspaper Distributors Welfare Association President Homdev, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Circulation Manager T.S. Gopinath, Girish of *Prajavani*, Ganesh of *Kannada Prabha*, Shanteshbabu, Chandru, Krishna and others were present on the occasion.

Heavy rush for KSIC discount sale

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (GA&VNS)- The Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) factory located on Manandavadi Road witnessed huge rush this morning with thousands of women from various parts of city thronging the premises to lay their hands on Mysuru Silk sarees that were up for a discount sale.

The KSIC has announced a three-day discount sale of the rejected silk sarees at its Centenary Building from Mar. 15 to 17.

Today, being a holiday and the last day of the sale, the premise was packed with women who had arrived at venue as early as 6 am. With the gates opening at 10.30 am, women rushed to enter the venue causing commotion and making it tough for the Police personnel and home guards to manage the situation.

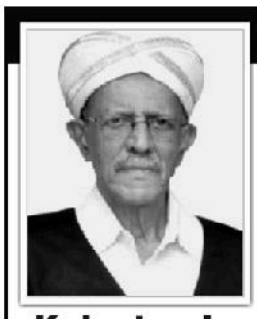
A total of 3,000 sarees, both zari and non-zari, were up for sale. While the price of the zari sarees ranged between Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 2.5 lakh, the non-zari sarees were priced between Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 10,000 for which a discount of 30 percent was announced.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, KSIC General Manager (Sales) Banu Prakash said that the discounted sale of the rejected sarees was only announced at the factory outlet as selling them in the KSIC outlets would damage the brand value.

Meanwhile, a few women also complained about arrangements at the factory outlet stating that the discounted sale could have been made more systematic without giving room for commotion.

The gates of the KSIC factory will be kept open till 6 pm today.

MADA & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Kalyatanda B. Ganesh

We regret to announce the passing away of **Kalyatanda B. Ganesh** on 7.3.2024 and express our gratitude to all those who attended the funeral and offered their condolences at the time of our grief.

The eleventh day Mada ceremony was held on 17.3.2024 at Sri Kaveri Kodava Sangha, KR Puram, Bengaluru.

—Wife Sujyothi Thangamma (Maneyapanda), daughters and sons-in-law Sangeeth-Ramesh, Mathanda Vanitha-Lokesh, Pemmanda Roshni-Belliappa (Rakshak), grand-children Rashvin, Mathanda Mithra Chinnappa, Pemmanda Lyon Belliappa and family members, Bengaluru
Mob: 98452-81637

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owners Sri. Mallikarjuna swamy. M S/o late Mahadevaswamy V.N, Sri Madhukumar.M. S/o late Sri Mahadeva swamy.V.N and Sri Manukumar.M S/o late Sri Mahadevaswamy.V.N. and their respective legal heirs, residents of Varuna village Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk. If anybody is having any objection,claim interest, dispute with the above owners, boundaries for the intended sale transaction, he/she/ they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven(07) days from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owners as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule property and thereafter no claims/ objections/ disputes will be entertained

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing survey no.545 measuring 3 Acres 35 Guntas situated at Varkoodu villge Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk bounded upon by,
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NEWS BRIEFS

Free interaction on KPSC exams

The city's Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation, will be organising a free interaction meet for the benefit of aspirants appearing for written recruitment exam for KAS, PDO, VA, Civil Engineer, Land Surveyor and other posts, at its premises located on G en. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar second stage, at 5 pm tomorrow (Mar. 18). Resource persons from different fields will take part in the interaction and guide the aspirants. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2301564, Mob: 82960-31570 or 99457-52592.

Free Eye check-up, Operation Camp

The city's Amrutamshu Trust in association with District Blindness Eradication Society and Mysuru District Mobile Eye-treatment Unit, will be conducting a free Eye check-up and Operation camp at No. 2767, 'Panchajanya', 5th Main, Medarakeri, Chamundipuram, at 9 am tomorrow (Mar. 18). For details and Registration, contact Mob: 99452 -70646, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

M. Tejaswini has been awarded Ph.D in Bio technology and Bioinformatics by the JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru for her thesis 'Integrated Biocomputational Approach to Exploit Antidiabetic Potential of Phytocompounds from whole green Jackfruit (Artocarpus Heterophyllus)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Ramith Ramu.

Obituary

N.M. Mahadevaiah

Mysuru, Mar. 17 - N.M. Mahadevaiah (69), retired officer of the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums and a resident of Maratikyathanahalli in the taluk, passed away following a heart attack on Friday.

He is survived by his wife Gayathri, daughter Srilakshmi, son Tilak Kumar Gowda and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held today at Nerale Village in Nanjangud taluk after his son arrives from the USA, according to family sources.

District administration geared up for LS Polls: Deputy Commissioner

Dr. Rajendra

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (SBD& DM)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral officer, said that the district administration is fully prepared for holding free and fair Lok Sabha polls from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, which is scheduled to take place on Apr. 26.

He was addressing a press meet at the ZP hall here yesterday after the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the 2024 Lok Sabha poll schedule.

Pointing out that all facilities will be provided at polling booths, Dr. Rajendra said 'Sakhi booths,' Youth voters' booths, Specially abled booths, Ethnic booths and other theme based booths will be set up to ensure maximum voter participation in the polls.

Noting that during the first-level check, 5,870 ballot units, 4,146 control units and 4,433 VVPATs have been found to be functional, he said that 291 units of each of them have been distributed to the Assistant Commissioner for conducting training and awareness. The remaining 5,579 ballot units, 3,855 control units and 4,142 VVPATs remain in custody of the district administration, he added.

Continuing, Dr. Rajendra said as per the instructions of the Election Commission, 641 Central Government officers and other staff will be appointed as Micro-observers for select sensitive booths. This apart, as many as 17,550 personnel will be appointed as Booth officers, Assistant Booth officers and Presiding officers, he said. Explaining the measures taken for overseeing poll expenditure by candidates, the DC said that 241 Sectoral officers, 50 Flying Squads, 42 Static Surveillance teams, 23 Video Surveillance teams, 12 Video Viewing teams, 11 Accounting teams and 15 Assistant Expenditure Observers have been deployed for the purpose.

This apart, several cells and committees have been formed. These include District Model Code of Conduct Cell, Expenditure Monitoring Cell, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee, Pre-Media Certification and Inspection team, Complaints Monitoring Cell and Grievances Committee, he said adding that members of the public can file online complaints through c-VIGIL App, if they come across any Model Code of Conduct violations.

The DC further said that elderly voters aged over 85 years, will be given the opportunity to exercise their franchise through Postal Ballots. Such voters have to submit Form 12 within 5 days of the commencement of nominations. Dr. Rajendra also said that electoral posters and all other poll graffiti should carry the name of the printer and it is mandatory to get prior certification before printing any poll related advertisements.

Underlining the importance of co-operation by political parties in the smooth conduct of polls, the DC said that all political parties and candidates should strictly comply with the Model Code of Conduct and should follow rules and regulations of the ECI.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, SP Seema Latkar, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri and ADC P. Shivaraju were present.

Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency has 20,72,337 voters

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (DM)- With the Lok Sabha polls for Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency scheduled to take place on Apr. 26, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force from yesterday soon after the Election Commission of India announced the 2024 LS Polls schedule. As per the schedule, the poll notification will be issued on Mar. 28 and the last date for filing of nomination papers is Apr. 4. The scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on Apr. 5 and the deadline for withdrawal of nominations is Apr. 8 and the Constituency will go to polls on Apr. 26. The counting of votes will be taken up on June 4, after all the 7 phases of polling across the country concludes on June 1.

The Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency has 8 Assembly segments — Chamaraja, Narasimharaja (NR), Krishnaraja (KR), Chamundeshwari, Hunsur and Periyapatna in Mysuru district and Madikeri and Virajpet in Kodagu district.

Out of 20,72,337 voters in the Constituency, 10,17,120 are male voters, 10,55,035 female voters and 182 others. While Chamundeshwari segment has the highest number of 3,45,320 voters (1,71,090 male, 1,74,196 female and 34 others), Periyapatna has the lowest number of 1,97,215 voters (98,447 male, 98,764 female and 4 others).

As far as the rest of the Assembly segments are concerned, NR Constituency has 3,06,600 voters, KR has 2,55,165, Chamaraja has 2,52,922, Hunsur has 2,46,508, Madikeri has 2,36,568 and Virajpet has 2,36,562 voters.

The specialty of the Constituency is that women voters outnumber men. Barring Virajpet Assembly segment, women have outnumbered men in all seven other Assembly segments of the Constituency.

Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency has 41,145 first time voters (21,369 men, 19,775 women and one other) aged between 18 and 19 years this time, who have been included in the electoral rolls after gaining eligibility to exercise their franchise. Chamundeshwari Assembly segment has the highest number of 7,636 first time voters, while K.R. Assembly segment has the lowest number of 3,772 voters.

The Constituency will have as many as 2,202 polling booths, including 10 auxiliary booths, spread across 8 Assembly segments.

Will Nikhil Kumaraswamy contest from Mandya?

JD(S) looks to regain its fortress, candidate to be announced on Mar. 24

Nikhil

Mandya, Mar. 17 (VNS) - Emotions ran high at the JD(S) party workers meeting held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan here on Friday last to discuss the selection of candidate for the upcoming Lok Sabha election as the workers demanded former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) to field Nikhil Kumaraswamy from Mandya Constituency.

Having entered into an electoral pact with the BJP, the JD(S) is said to have been allocated three seats — Mandya, Hassan and Kolar (SC) — for which the party is yet to announce its candidates. Friday's meeting witnessed party workers demanding either HDK to contest the polls or field his son. The emotions were so high that the workers did not allow any leaders to speak demanding to announce the candidate immediately. HDK, who intervened, assured workers of not disappointing them which brought a sense of relief among them and cooled the situation down.

Later, addressing Party workers, Kumaraswamy said that the ensuing Lok Sabha election was the right time for the JD(S) party to bounce back and added that he would not hurt the feelings of workers and would speak to Nikhil on contesting the polls.

"I will be leaving to Chennai for a heart operation on Mar. 19 and would return after resting for a couple of days. An announcement regarding the candidate will be made on Mar. 24 taking into account the suggestions given by the party workers," he said.

Stating that the people of Mandya have come to the rescue of JD(S) at times when the party was in distress, HDK said that it was because of the political plot that Nikhil had lost the 2019 Lok Sabha election and not because of the people. "It is Mandya which has given the party and H.D. Deve Gowda political power more than Hassan. I am confident that the people of Mandya will bless the party in the ensuing elections keeping aside the previously committed mistakes," said the former CM.

Sumalatha is my elder sister

In an attempt to seek the support of current Mandya MP Sumalatha's support, HDK said Sumalatha was like his elder sister and added it was time to move together forgetting the past. "Ambareesh was a close friend of mine. When the Congress denied him the ticket in 1996, it was JD(S) which issued him the ticket from Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency. And at the time when both Dr. Rajkumar and Ambareesh passed away, it was I as the Chief Minister who provided space for their memorials at the Kanteerava Studio," he added. Kumaraswamy also mentioned that people, who are making comments against his family and Bangalore Rural Constituency candidate Dr. C.N. Manjunath, will be taught a lesson in the upcoming election.

JD(S) Core Committee President and Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, JD(S) Youth Wing President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, MLA H.T. Manju, former Legislators C.S. Puttaraju, D.C. Thamanna, Dr. Annadani, K. Suresh Gowda, Ravindra Srikantaiah, K.T. Srikantegowda and G.B. Shivakumar, JD(S) District President D. Ramesh and others were present.

My political life is full of 'struggle'

[Continued from yesterday]

By S.B. Devaraj

Star of Mysore (SOM): What was the reason behind supporting Siddaramaiah, though you were with Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S)?

Sreenivasa Prasad: Following the resignation of Siddaramaiah as Chamundeshwari MLA, by-election was necessitated to Chamundeshwari segment. Siddaramaiah was the Congress candidate and Shivabasappa was pitted from JD(S).

As the winning chances of Siddaramaiah appeared bleak, Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Dharam Singh and Kagodu Thimmappa came to my house and explained about the ground reality. Siddaramaiah had also sought my support. I had some concern for Siddaramaiah who was a backward classes leader and announced my support to him. However, Siddaramaiah managed to win by a thin margin of 257 votes.

SOM: On your return to Assembly elections?

Prasad: Mallikarjun Kharge was the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President then and Oscar Fernandes, who was also my political godfather in Congress, was the Central Minister. Having won Lok Sabha elections for five terms, I didn't have any more desire left to continue in politics.

But when the Assembly elections were declared in 2008 and Nanjangud Assembly Constituency became a SC Reserve seat, I had to contest on the back of pressure from various quarters.

Following the delimitation of Constituency, new Varuna segment was carved out and I convinced Siddaramaiah to contest from Varuna which was also considered as a safe seat for him. Siddaramaiah won against L. Revanasiddaiah and I also won the election.

SOM: Despite sharing a good relationship, what led to the split between you and Siddaramaiah?

V. Sreenivasa Prasad

Prasad: Following the vertical split in BJP, Congress got absolute majority with ease in 2013 Assembly elections. After a secret ballot conducted at Congress office, where majority of 80 percent of MLAs had voted in favour of Siddaramaiah he was made Congress Legislature Party (CLP) Leader. I had not asked for the Ministry, but I was inducted as a Revenue Minister.

After three years, Siddaramaiah expressed his intent to deliver effectively and wanted to revamp the Cabinet, to which we also agreed. But he chose to revamp the Cabinet as per his whims and dropped me from the Ministry citing my ill health as the reason. However, Kharge was not willing to drop me from the Cabinet. I was not even disappointed with the decision to drop me, but what pained me was the way I was shown doors without even showing a courtesy to discuss the matters with me. After that, Priyank Kharge, the political novice and very younger to me by age, who had won the elections for the first time, had been inducted into the Cabinet in my place.

It was the only reason for disappointment against Kharge and Siddaramaiah, with even the then KPCC President Parameshwara siding with them. Fed up of politics, I decided to resign as a MLA.

SOM: The developments following your resignation?

Prasad: Following my resignation as MLA, both Yediyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswamy came to my home to convince me to stay in politics. I finally decided to join BJP on the basis of the opinion of my followers at a Swabhimani Convention. But still, I didn't want to contest the by-election, but I changed my decision and contested the by-polls at the bidding of Yediyurappa. However, money flowed like anything in that election.

Interestingly, Congress lacked candidates to contest against me in the by-election and fielded Kalale Keshavamurthy, JD(S) Taluk Unit President, who had lost two elections against me earlier. He was inducted into Congress, following the permission of JD(S) top brass and was declared as a candidate. R. Dhruvanarayan, who followed me into politics, also supported Keshavamurthy and conspired to defeat me at the end.

However, I was adamant and fielded my son-in-law B. Harshavardhan in 2018 Assembly elections from Nanjangud (SC Reserve) Constituency. I even extended my support to JD(S) candidate G.T. Devegowda in Chamundeshwari Constituency, where he defeated the sitting CM Siddaramaiah by a huge margin of 36,000 votes. However, Siddaramaiah managed to scrape through victory at Badami Constituency, but with a lesser margin.

Former MLA C. Guruswamy convinced me not to retire as a 'Lost Politician'. Despite my failing health, I decided to contest previous Lok Sabha elections from Chamarajanagar in 2019 and was elected for the sixth term, trouncing Congress' R. Dhruvanarayan.

SOM: What do you want to say about your political life that has come a full circle?

Prasad: I feel satisfied as my life was full of struggle. People have showered love and affection towards me and I also have worked unblemished without any black mark in my 50-year-long public life.

SOM: With a vast political experience, how do you view the present political conditions?

Prasad: There is a change in mindset of both political parties and voters. The parties earlier had political commitment and ideologies. They were conducting themselves honestly with love and faith without any monetary influence. The winning candidates were aware of their limits, without resorting to corruption. Now, it is vice-versa with politics turning into a profitable business. Such is the mindset of voters that who pays more will get the vote.

However, still there is a section of voters who will not succumb to any inducements, but the number of voters who vote for cash is more, irrespective of Panchayat elections or Parliament.

One who spends on buying voters, looks for short cuts to rake in a moolah, with the voters left twitching their hands. It is inevitable to change the situation and everybody should understand the rights and purity of voting.

SOM: Any plans to record your long stint in politics?

Prasad: I have plans to record my experience as an MP and MLA for 27 years and eight years respectively. As an MP, I have been a witness to the style of administration of seven Prime Ministers from Indira Gandhi to Narendra Modi, which instantly comes into picture. Their personality and style of administration and my experience, are all etched in my memory. If my health permits, I will record them all.

SOM: What's your take on the candidates announced for Mysuru-Kodagu and Chamarajanagar LS Constituencies. The political scenario of the country?

Prasad: I won't comment about selection of candidates, but the decision has been taken by the party High Command after weighing the pros and cons. It seems NDA will gain majority with Modi returning as Prime Minister again, but I am not sure about the number of seats BJP could win in the State.

Alliance Clubs Intl. Mysuru and Mandya Chapters

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (VNS)- 'Omkara,' the inaugural function of Association of Alliance Clubs International, Mysuru and Mandya District Chapters, took place at a private hotel in city recently.

City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth and Alliance International Service Organisation former President and Founder Ally Tirupati Raju inaugurated the chapters by lighting the lamp.

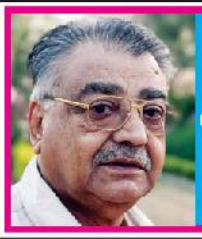
The Alliance International Service Organisation, with its headquarters in India and centres in more than 32 countries, has been serving the Indian community for over fifteen years. More than 600 people took part in the launch of Swadeshi International Service Organisation in Mysuru and Mandya. Ally Tirupati Raju handed over the banner to the District Governors of Mysuru and Mandya and installed the new Cabinets.

Speaking on the occasion, Ally Tirupati Raju highlighted the international presence of Alliance, with over 50,000 members and 1,800 branches, emphasising its rapid expansion in every district of the country. "The organisation's key strengths include low service charges and a focus on continuous leadership development," he added and commended International Director Nagaraj Bairy and former International Director G.P. Diwakar for establishing Alliance Chapters in Mysuru and Mandya.

"Organisation's primary goal is to assist public by identifying and addressing crucial needs such as alleviating hunger, supporting special needs and providing health check-ups," he stressed.

On the occasion, Ally Nanjundaswamy, took charge as the Governor of Mysore district 255 and Ally K.T. Hanumanthu took charge as the Governor of Mandya district 268 along with their Cabinet. Additionally, Ally Balakrishna Raju and Ally Madegowda were sworn in as the first District Vice-Governors and Ally Venkatesh and K.R. Sashidhar Echagere assumed office as the second Vice-Governors.

Ally Santhosh Kumar, Ally Gangadharappa, Ally Rabindranath, Ally Ramesh, Ally Chandrasekhara, Ally Appaji, Host Committee Chairman Mahabaleshwar Bairy, Secretary Srishaila, Vice-President Krishnoji Rao, Co-Chairman Shobha Siri Balu and Treasurer Sampathkumar Shetty were present.



Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Adieu my gentleman politician: 'Mayor' Vasu

One of the familiar names among the politicians, especially Congress politicians, in our city since early 1980s was that of Vasu. Simply Vasu, without any initials, any prefix or suffix to his name.

As a politician, he rose to become a Corporator and then the Mayor of the city during 1989-90 and also an MLA from the Chamaraja Constituency. I have known him since about early 1980s when *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* offices and the printing press were in Saraswathipuram near Kamakshi Hospital. He was then the foot soldier of Congress party and a legman for the peers in the party serving them more or less as a man Friday. As such it was clear that he came from a humble family.

I remember Vasu as a young man, peering into my office chamber holding press notes related to City Congress Party's programme or some VIP's visit to city. Very humble and sweet mannered boy that he was, with a faint smile on his face he would request me to publish the press note, I would always oblige him more out of a liking for him than out of love for the Congress party that was under the eclipse of Indira Gandhi's Emergency. At that time my reporters would say he was a toughie.

Over the years Congress party and Indira Gandhi had a meteoric rise enabled by the squabbling Janata party that itself got splintered into ginger groups.

Be that as it may, with the rise of Congress party in Mysuru city, the local Congress workers and leaders came alive and rose in ranks according to their personal ability and political connections at higher levels. Among them Mayor Vasu was one. By now, he also came in touch with a very powerful and influential Congress political leader Dr. M. Veerappa Moily. Thereafter, he never looked back. He also stopped visiting our office for the obvious reason he had others to do that kind of job.

By this time, I had become Vasu's friend and I had many

Vasu, ex-MLA

occasions where we shared the stage together and also broke bread together. I was surprised that he was a teetotaller. I used to frequent his house in Siddarthanagar for getting some work done for myself and my friends from the local bodies and the government. His garage was converted to a reception room, full of waiting people. However, I had free passage.

Happily, he had very good networking with the government officers and politicians across all parties. This was an advantage for all those who approached him for help. I was a recipient of his hospitality for breakfast or lunch in his house at Siddarthanagar and his wife Lalitha, a charming lady, who pre-deceased him, was an extraordinary hostess.

I remember approaching him for personal help in dealing with Government Departments. I was surprised when he said that he would take me personally in his car to Bengaluru to solve the problem and he did. His helping nature was well-known. No wonder in Mysuru there is rarely a household which has not heard his name, Mayor Vasu.

It is a small wonder how a standalone name Vasu could have a prefix 'Mayor' to his name. When he became the Mayor of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in the year 1989-90 it was also the year of 60th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana being held in Mysuru city. By virtue of his office as a Mayor he became the Chairman of the Reception Committee and naturally he was making news almost on a daily basis wherein he was addressed as Mayor Vasu. And this prefix 'Mayor' stuck to his name forever and he became Mayor Vasu.

In the meanwhile, though he aspired to contest the Assembly election he was not able to get the opportunity due to the vagaries of politics in the Congress party. It was then that he shifted his focus to establishing an educational institution and established an engineering college under the name Vidya Vikas Educational Trust (VVET) on Bannur Road which has now many other graduate colleges as well.

Vasu was a coffee addict. In fact, he would call a couple of friends and hold his coffee session or call it coffee *durbar* in a few selected restaurants. Being a very soft-spoken person, he would go rambling on any issue that would arise for discussion. Of course, every time it would be Vasu who would be paying the bill.

I was unaware that he was stricken by some serious ailment in the last few months till such time my friend Bhamy V. Shenoy of MGP told me. Bhamy had paid a courtesy call on Vasu at his residence before leaving for US and was surprised to see him too feeble, weak and on wheelchair. Immediately, I went to his house only to find him lying on the bed being attended by paramedics, his sons and daughters-in-law. He spoke to me in an endearing manner, like always, and made light of his illness, saying he would soon come out of it. Sadly, within a couple of weeks he passed away.

My homage to a gentleman politician and a most dependable friend Mayor Vasu might not be complete if I do not record here the unsolicited support and sympathy he showered on me in the year 1993 when I was admitted to Wockhardt Hospital on Cunningham Road in Bengaluru. After hosting a dozen of my friends and family members, along with me, in the Airlines Hotel, opposite to the hospital, he accompanied me to the hospital and holding me by my hand very quietly asked if I needed money for the hospital expenses. I was deeply touched.

Rest in Peace, Dear Vasu.

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Women's Premier League - 2024

RCB, DC clash for coveted title

Will *'Ee Sala Cup Namde'* become a reality for RCB fans?

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (VNS) - While the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) men have not been able to lay their hands on the IPL trophy for the past 16 seasons, the women's team led by Smriti Mandhana is all geared up to win the coveted Women's Premier League (WPL) as they take on last season's runner's-up Delhi Capital (DC) in the finals to be held at Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi, later today

RCB ended fourth in the first season failing to qualify even for the eliminator. This season has gone well for the team and the fans hope that at least the women lift the WPL title and the slogan *'Ee Sala Cup Namde'* (This time, Cup is ours) will become a reality.

RCB kicked off this season with a good start with consecutive wins over UP Warriorz and Gujarat Giants before suffering two successive defeats against Delhi Capitals and Mumbai Indians. However, the Smriti Mandhana-led team bounced back with a win against UP Warriorz and kept their hopes alive to qualify for the playoffs. In the Eliminator, RCB defeated the defending champions Harmanpreet Kaur-led Mumbai Indians to set up a title clash against Delhi Capitals.

Both, Delhi Capitals and Royal Challengers Bangalore are strong contenders. However, DC's dominance over RCB across two seasons could make it tough for the Smriti Mandhana-led side to overcome the Meg Lanning-led team. For RCB, apart from Smriti Mandhana, players like Ellyse Perry, Asha Shobana, Shreyanka Patil Richa Ghosh and Georgia Wareham will be crucial to emerge victorious.

Likely XI

DC: Meg Lanning (Capt.), Shafali Verma, Alice Capsey, Jemimah Rodrigues, Jess Jonassen, Marizanne Kapp, Minnu Mani, Taniya Bhatia (WK), Radha Yadav, Arundhati Reddy and Shikha Pandey.

RCB: Smriti Mandhana (Capt.), Sophie Devine, Ellyse Perry, S. Meghana, Richa Ghosh (WK), Sophie Molineux, Georgia Wareham, Shreyanka Patil, Renuka Singh, Asha Sobhana and Ekta Bisht.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

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T-20 cricket tournament from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 17- Utkrushta Sports and Event, in association with Rising Star Cricket Club, Mandya, will be conducting inter-collegiate T20 cricket tournament from Mar. 18 to Mar. 26 at JSS-SJCE Grounds in JSS Science and Technology University campus in city and PET Cricket Grounds in Mandya. A total of 12 teams will be taking part in the tournament.

The winners of the tournament will qualify to play the Mega Championship Trophy to be held in Bengaluru. The tournament is sponsored by Cycle Pure Agarbathies.

50-year fete of V. Sreenivasa Prasad's political career inaugurated in city

Former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna addressing the gathering at KSOU Convocation Hall in city this morning as MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad and his wife Bhagyalakshmi look on.

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"The Indian democracy has reached its zenith due to Modi," said Krishna who was in all praise of Modi. Going down memory lane, Krishna recalled the emergence of Sreenivasa Prasad as a leader to reckon with, following the by-election to the Krishnaraja Assembly segment in Mysuru held in 1974.

"I had come down to Mysuru along with the then Chief Minister D. Devaraja Urs to defeat Prasad (who was contesting as an independent). It was a matter of prestige for Urs, but the massive wave in favour of Prasad, especially at Ashokapuram, dented our prospects. Since then there was no looking back for Prasad, for whom the particular election served as a perfect launch pad for a successful career spanning 50 long years," said Krishna.

The people of Mysuru are mature with astute political awareness and consciousness. Though Indian democracy has come under praise, we should look at the progress of its direction. The success of democracy does not just hinge on conducting elections once in five years, observed Krishna.

Recalling his maiden elections in 1968, Krishna said: "The people used to pool in money towards meeting poll expenses and also extend their support, but the winds of change started blowing from 1971 onwards."

"Now, if one has to contest the elections, the candidate requires not less than Rs.100 crore and money bags are willing to spend the amount. This change in scenario has made the leaders like us disqualified from contesting the elections," said Krishna.

Krishna also recalled how T.N. Seshan as Chief Election Commissioner (from Dec. 12, 1990, to Dec. 11, 1996) had sent shivers down the spine of candidates. There was a sense of discipline and fear among the candidates, added Krishna.

V. Sreenivasa Prasad and his wife Bhagyalakshmi, former Minister PGR Sindhia, litterateur C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK), former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna and others were present.

Poll code kicks in: Papers needed

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Efforts will be made to ensure that tourism remains unaffected, and situations will be managed to minimise inconvenience to tourists. Nevertheless, managing the check-post at Kalasthavadi on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway presents a challenge, which may result in minor inconvenience to the public. Cooperation from all stakeholders is essential in addressing this issue, the DC said.

No water for a political edge

"The Department of Excise will maintain a vigilant stand on the sale of liquor and appropriate action will be swiftly taken in the event of any lapses," he stated. Additionally, a dedicated cell has been established to monitor social media activities, he added.

Addressing concerns regarding the drinking water crisis, proactive measures have been implemented to ensure that this issue is not exploited for political advantage. Water will be supplied through tankers to mitigate the crisis.

Any instances of negligence will be met with stringent action against both suppliers and officers responsible for addressing the crisis. Consequently, officials such as the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO, and Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) are not directly involved in election-related duties, Dr. Rajendra said.

Reflecting on previous Lok Sabha polls, where the voter turnout stood at 70.39 percent, the goal for the upcoming election is to surpass this figure, aiming for a turnout of 75 percent or higher. While there are no provisions for new projects, all ongoing projects will continue unabated, DC Rajendra emphasised.

Dr. Rajendra said that 241 sector officers have been appointed and have been distributed to all Assembly Constituencies. In addition, 50 flying squads (three shifts), 42 static surveillance teams (three shifts), 23 video surveillance teams, 12 video viewing teams, 11 election expenditure teams and 15 assistant expenditure observers have been appointed for the smooth conduct of the elections.

In addition, special cells have been created such as the District Model Code of Conduct Cell, District Expenditure Monitoring Cell, District Expenditure Monitoring Committee, District Media Certification and Media Monitoring Committee, District Media Pre-Certification Scrutiny Cell, District Media Scrutiny Cell, District Complaint Monitoring Cell and District Grievance Committee.

Police security, checking

Under the jurisdiction of the City Police Commissionerate, there are a total of 167 polling stations spanning across Krishnaraja, Chamaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituencies, with an additional eight polling booths falling within Varuna Assembly Constituency. Among the total 971 booths, 220 have been designated as critical.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh outlined the election preparedness measures, indicating the establishment of 14 check-posts, including four within the city limits.

Furthermore, 13 flying squads have been deployed. Notably, 583 out of the total 732 rowdy sheeters have been bound over, with 69 currently incarcerated. Efforts have been made to collect 1,077 firearms, except in cases deemed unavoidable, pending scrutiny by the relevant committee.

To bolster security arrangements, requisitions have been placed for six platoons each of Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Additionally, a contingent of paramilitary personnel has already arrived in the city.

Meanwhile, SP Seema Latkar reported that within District Police limits, a total of 1,944 Polling Stations are operational, with 305 identified as critical. The deployment of 29 check-posts has been implemented, including one at Bavali in H.D. Kote, situated on the Karnataka-Kerala border.

Notably, 48 individuals with notorious backgrounds have been identified, with action taken against 44 of them. Among the 1,154 rowdy sheeters, 798 have been apprehended. Additionally, efforts have been made to seize 562 firearms out of the total 1,664 recorded.

Parties must abide by Election Commission's instructions

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (PM&BS)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, emphasised the significance of adhering to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) following the announcement of the Lok Sabha election schedule. "Political parties must rigorously adhere to the directives outlined by the Election Commission of India (ECI)," he stated.

During a meeting held at D. Devaraj Urs Hall in Zilla Panchayat yesterday, he presented a set of guidelines to representatives from various political parties, aimed at sensitising them on election-related regulations and Acts.

Dr. Rajendra stressed the imperative nature of complying with the Election Commission's instructions, which include removal of wall writings, posters, banners and cut-outs belonging to political parties from both private properties and public spaces such as railway stations, bus stands, roadsides and other places to avoid violating the poll code.

He highlighted the necessity of obtaining permission to organise political gatherings, with permissions facilitated through Suvidha App for campaign meetings. Additionally, he emphasised the exclusion of children from campaigning.

Furthermore, Dr. Rajendra underscored the mandatory requirement for political parties or candidates to seek permission from the district-level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee before publishing any advertisements in newspapers, visual media, cable TV, and social media platforms, including Facebook, WhatsApp, and others.

The meeting was attended by City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri and Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) P. Shivaraju.

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Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The GLORIOUS past of a present-day LANDMARK!

My last article was about the striking similarity in the **Torquay Fountain** in England and its identical twin that we have here in our city.

I had already said that our 'migrant' fountain, that now stands as a mute witness to the history of our city, at the Northern end of our Ashoka Road, started its ornamental journey from opposite our now most miserably dilapidated **Lansdowne Building,** where it had been originally erected and soon named as the **Elgin Fountain,** in honour of **Lord Elgin,** the then Viceroy, upon his visit to our city on 20th, November, 1895.

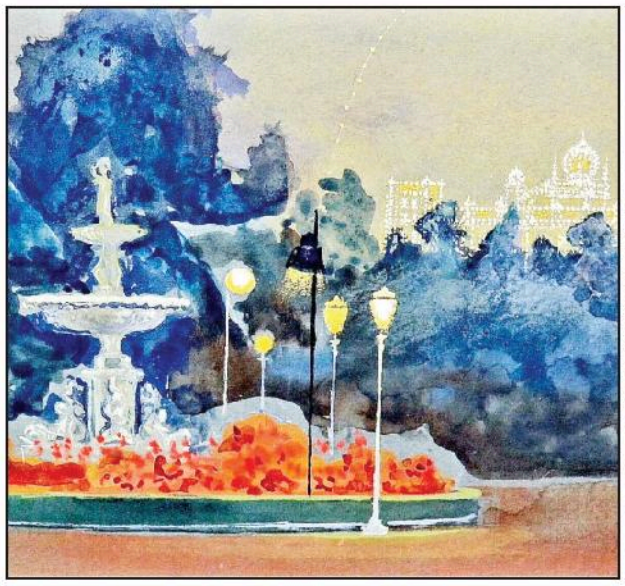
It was named after him when the Viceroy came to pay a courtesy call to our then recently bereaved Maharani, **Kempananjammanni Devi,** upon the very untimely demise of our **Maharaja Sri Chamaraja Wadiyar X** at the age of just thirty-one years, on 28th December the previous year.

The reigning king is said to have succumbed to an attack of Diphtheria while on a visit to Calcutta, where his funeral was held on a small plot of land at Kalighat, that still stands as the property of Mysore royal family.

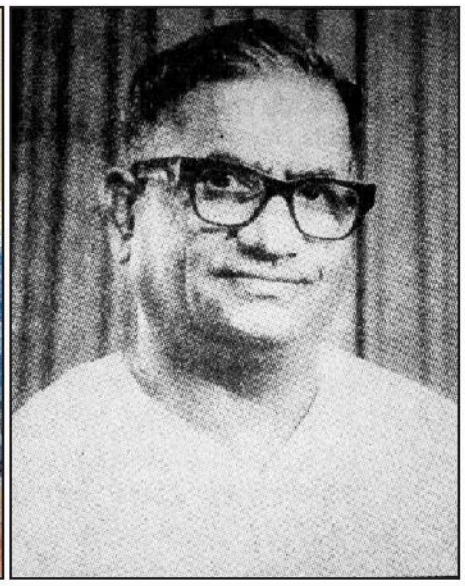
The Elgin Fountain stood in its original place of pride until the year 1952, when our present-day landmark, **K.R. Circle** had to be created, in the year 1952, in a fitting act of regard and gratitude, in memory of **Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV** who had passed away on 3rd, August,1940. This Circle was originally meant to be created as a replica, to match the **Chamaraja Circle** that stands a stone's throw away, opposite the Northern Gate of our Palace, although it is a different matter that the two edifices look surprisingly different!

What prevented the builders from making K.R. Circle an exact clone of its counterpart, is a mystery that I have never been able to unravel to this day, despite my curiosity and all the digitised archival records that are now available at the click of a mouse.

My personal surmise is that it was due to some last-minute cost-cutting measures, going by the lack of an expensive gold-plated dome, that adorns the top of its counterpart and which could have only come at an astronomically high cost.



The painting of Elgin Fountain by N. Hanumiah.



Forgotten artist N. Hanumiah.

> Hanumiah was called 'The Painter of Light' by some of the greatest artists because capturing the interplay of light and deep shadows in his paintings was his hallmark.

Understandably, K.R. Circle could be created only after slicing away nearly one third of the stately **Lansdowne Building** and relocating the Elgin Fountain. So, two relocations of the Elgin Fountain, first to what is now called the **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle** and subsequently to its present place at the Northern end of the Ashoka Road which is now known only as the **Fountain Circle,** is understandable because being such a magnificent structure, it was not just necessary to retain it but also retain it in a sufficiently prominent location of the city.

But another mystery which does not seem to have ready answers is why it was divested of its hallowed name and left almost nameless for eternity and at the mercy of being helplessly called by whatever name people preferred to call it by?

If we rely on the small bits and pieces of the history available on this subject, the second relocation of this fountain was made to commemorate the first visit of our first President, **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** to our city. The then Municipal Councillors and other dignitaries of our city are said to have received the President at this spot, which itself was then officially christened as **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Circle.** In this process, perhaps to avoid confusion and to prevent the clash of the names of two personalities, then of equal stature, the fountain itself was divested of its original name!

I find this a really sad and almost tragic turn of events, at least from a historical perspective, because it would have been no burden for the fountain to carry its famous name along with it, while the Circle itself carried its own name.

All said and done, although creating the K.R. Circle to honour and commemorate the memory of one of our greatest rulers of the recent times was most essential and justified, there may be many Mysureans like me who cannot help visualising in their mind's eye, how the stately Elgin Fountain standing at the end of the full-length Lansdowne Building, might have looked in all its glory, in full colour. **Funnily, I do it unfailingly, every time I pass that way!** And, visualising this scene in our mind's eye is all we can do now because no colour pictures of the place exist.

But all is not lost because day-dreamers like me can take some solace in feasting their eyes on a picture of the edifice that depicts it in its full glory and vibrant colour, against the backdrop of the illuminated Palace, which I am sharing here.

The source of my solace is a painting by the once most gifted but now almost forgotten painter, **N. Hanumiah,** a humble farmer and home-grown son-of-the-soil of our own city, who has left a great legacy of his paintings, a good many of which are in art collections abroad. Hanumiah was called **'The Painter of Light'** by some of the greatest artists of his time, because capturing the interplay of light and deep shadows, in almost all his paintings, was his hallmark.

Born on 5th September, 1909, he was a former student of Chamarajendra School of Art, here in our city, who passed away in the year 1991, at the age of eighty-one. Even as a child I have been an admirer of his paintings, and I most humbly admit that I have tried hard, as a struggling, self-taught painter, to replicate his work, without much success.

I may perhaps write in greater detail about this forgotten genius once I find enough resource material about his life and works. **Thankfully I am hopeful that I may be able to lay my hands on it, as a few members of his family, are surprisingly very close to me. So please stay tuned!**

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PM Modi's open letter to citizens

Narendra Modi

New Delhi, Mar. 17 (Agencies)- In an open letter to all citizens, Prime Minister Narendra Modi listed some of the historic decisions taken by his Government, including the abrogation of Article 370 and the implementation of GST, and expressed his gratitude for the people's support. This letter is being sent to all WhatsApp users by Viksit Bharat Sampark since Mar. 15.

Pointing out that his partnership with people is "at the threshold of completing a decade," he has also sought suggestions to help fulfil the resolve of a Viksit Bharat, or developed India.

Addressing citizens as "my dear family member," the Prime Minister said the trust and support of 140 crore Indians inspires and motivates him.

Stressing that his Government has made sincere efforts to improve the quality of life of the poor, farmers, youth and women, he said, its biggest achievement is the transformation that has come about in their lives over the past 10 years.

"The success of efforts such as pucca houses through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, access to electricity, water and LPG for all, free medical treatments through Ayushman Bharat, financial help to farmers, assistance to women through Matru Vandana Yojana and many more has been possible only due to the trust that you have placed in me," the Prime Minister wrote.

Emphasising that India is moving forward with a focus on both tradition and modernity, PM Modi said that the country has seen both "unprecedented construction" of next-generation infrastructure and a "rejuvenation of our rich national and cultural heritage."

"The beauty of democracy lies in Janbhagidari or public participation. It is your support that gives me the immense strength to take bold decisions for the nation's welfare, draw up aspirational plans and implement them smoothly. I need and indeed, look forward to your ideas, suggestions and support as we work to fulfil the resolve of building a Viksit Bharat. I am confident that we will continue to take our nation to great heights together," he added.

Lok Sabha elections in 7 phases from April 19 to June 1; counting on June 4

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar** (centre) **with Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar** (left) **and S.S. Sandhu** (extreme right) **during the press conference in New Delhi, yesterday.

New Delhi, Mar. 17 (Agencies)- The Election Commission of India on Saturday announced the dates for the 18th Lok Sabha elections. The elections will be held in seven phases starting from April 19 to June 1, informed Chief Election Commissioner of India (CEC) Rajiv Kumar at a press conference in New Delhi. He was accompanied by newly-appointed Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and S.S. Sandhu.

The counting of votes will be held on June 4 for the world's biggest election exercise in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will bid for a third consecutive term. According to CEC Rajiv Kumar, there are 96.8 crore people eligible to cast a vote in the upcoming polls at over 12 lakh polling stations.

The first phase of elections will begin on April 19 while the other phases will be on April 26, May 7, May 13, May 20, May 25 and June 1.

In the first phase on April 19, voting will take place in 102 constituencies spread over 21 States/UTs, with 10 States/UTs completing the poll process in this phase.

Voting will take place in 89 constituencies across 13 States/UTs in the second phase on April 26, Kumar said, adding that the poll process would be completed in four more States/UTs.

In the third phase on May 7, voting will take place in 94 constituencies spread across 12 States/UTs. With this, polling will be completed in six more States/UTs.

In the fourth phase on May 13, 96 constituencies spread across 10 States/UTs would vote. With this, three more States/UTs would have completed voting.

As many as 49 constituencies spread across eight States/UTs will vote in phase five on May 20. This phase will see voting completed in three more States/UTs.

In the sixth phase on May 25, voting will take place in 57 constituencies spread across seven States/UTs. Polling in two more States/UTs would be completed with this phase.

The seventh and final phase will take place on June 1 in 57 constituencies spread across eight States/UTs. The polling process in eight States/UTs would be completed.

The Election Commission also announced that the Assembly elections in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim will be held on April 19 and in Andhra Pradesh on May 13.

Elections to Odisha Assembly will be held in four phases on May 13, May 20, May 25 and June 1. Bypolls will also be held for 26 Assembly constituencies, CEC said.

Since the inception of the Election Commission of India on January 25, 1950, the electoral body has conducted 17 general elections. The poll body is now all gearing up to hold the Lok Sabha elections 2024, which will happen on April 19, 2024.

Being the biggest democracy in the world, the electoral procedure of India is considered the standard by many countries.

2024 General Elections Seven-Phase Schedule

Election Phase	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Poll Date	April 19	April 26	May 7	May 13	May 20	May 25	June 1
Seats	102	89	94	96	49	57	57
States/UT	21	13	12	10	8	7	8

Counting of votes on June 4

Two-phase polling in Karnataka

Bengaluru, Mar. 17 (Agencies)- Karnataka will elect its 28 representatives to the 18th Lok Sabha in two phases on April 26 and May 7, the Election Commission of India announced yesterday. Each phase will see 14 seats going to the polls.

On April 26, elections will be held in the following constituencies: Udupi-Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Chitradurga (SC), Tumakuru, Mandya, Mysuru-Kodagu, Chamarajanagar (SC), Bangalore North, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Central, Bangalore South, Chikkaballapur, and Kolar (SC). The last date for filing nominations for these seats is April 4 and for withdrawal of candidature, the last date is April 8.

In the second phase on May 7, polls will be held for the remaining seats: Chikkodi, Belgaum, Bagalkot, Bijapur (SC), Gulbarga (SC), Raichur (ST), Bidar, Koppal, Bellary (ST), Haveri, Dharwad, Uttara Kannada, Davanagere and Shivamogga. The last date for filing nominations for the second phase is April 19 and for withdrawal of nomination papers is April 22. Results will be announced on June 4 all over India.

Karnataka has 28 Lok Sabha seats, among which five are reserved for the Scheduled Castes, and two for the Scheduled Tribes. In the previous general election too, voting was done in two phases.

As per the final electoral rolls published by the State's Chief Electoral Officer in January, the State has a total of 5.37 crore voters. Of these, 5.33 crore voters are general electors of which 2.69 crore are male, 2.68 crore are female and 4,920 are other electors. Young electors (18-19 years) number over 10 lakh. The total number of polling stations according to the final rolls is 58,834.

The months leading up to the announcement of the poll dates have seen several interesting developments in Karnataka's political scenario, with the JD(S) aligning with the BJP in September last year. Interestingly, during the previous Lok Sabha elections, the JD(S) had aligned with the Congress. In 2019, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) swept most of the seats. Of the total 28 seats, the NDA secured 26, with BJP alone winning 25. The Congress and JD(S) each managed to secure one seat each, as did one independent.

Dates for Mysuru-Kodagu

Election notification date and day	**28.03.2024 (Thursday)**
Last date for filing of nominations	**04.04.2024 (Thursday)**
Nominations scrutiny	**05.04.2024 (Friday)**
Last date to withdraw nominations	**08.04.2024 (Monday)**
Date and day of voting	**26.04.2024 (Friday)**
Date and day of counting	**04.06.2024 (Tuesday)**
Completion of the election process	**06.06.2024 (Thursday)**

KARNATAKA SCHEDULE

PHASE	CONSTITUENCY	DATE
1	Chitradurga, Udupi-Chikkamagalur, Dakshina Kannada, Hassan, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapur, Kolar, **Mandya, Mysuru-Kodagu, Chamarajanagar,** Bangalore North, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore Central, Bangalore South	April 26
2	Shivamogga, Davanagere, Haveri, Uttara Kannada, Ballari, Raichur, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Bidar, Dharwad, Koppal, Belagavi, Chikkodi, Bagalkot	May 7

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WORD OF THE DAY

Hegemony

Pronunciation: hih-JEM-uh-nee (Noun)
Meaning: Hegemony refers to influence or control over another country, group of people, etc.
Origin: Hegemony refers to a kind of domination. It was borrowed in the mid-16th century from the Greek word hēgemonia, a noun formed from the verb hēgeisthai, "to lead." At first hegemony was used specifically to refer to the control once wielded by ancient Greek states; later it was applied to domination by other political actors. By the 19th century, the word had acquired a second sense referring to the social or cultural influence wielded by a dominant entity over others of its kind, a sense employed by design scholar Joshua Langman when describing the use of found objects by French artist Marcel Duchamp (he of notorious ready-made Fountain fame) as a means "to question and criticise the values of the artistic hegemony by eschewing craft entirely."
Example: "Beyond Hollywood's scrambled economics, one of the biggest threats to its hegemony is social media—TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and X-formerly-known-as-Twitter—with which it has always had an uncomfortable relationship, alternately its victim or master." — Peter Biskind, The Hollywood Reporter, 26 Jan. 2024

THE ODD WORD

Umbel

Mass of flowers springing from a single centre.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Doom and gloom

Meaning: We use the expression "Doom and gloom" to discuss a feeling, atmosphere, or sense of despondency, pessimism, or general glumness. The phrase is often connected to political or business dealings as well as to personal feelings.
Origin: The phrase "Doom and gloom" was first seen in late 19th century newspapers, and was initially limited to discussions of politics and finance. The 1947 stage production Finian's Rainbow led to more widespread use.
Example: 'It's been doom and gloom around the office ever since we lost that important account.

QUOTE BOX

Keep your face to the sunshine & you cannot see a shadow.—**Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Pirate ship.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ Peter to pay Paul?
4 Self-righteous person
8 Very scarce
12 Have being
13 Tabula ____ : clean slate
14 Type of gemstone
15 Keeps at it
17 Goodbye
18 Tribal symbol
19 European capital
21 Legal science
23 Sailing boats
27 Pooh-poohed
31 Slightly wet
32 Unit of electrical resistance
33 Set Fire to the Rain singer
35 Thai language - "Ola" anagram?
36 Physicist who predicted the existence of the positron
38 Singers Frank and Nancy
40 Having a low pH
42 Aeronautical Telecommunications Network
43 Zeus' wife
45 Between ports (2,3)
49 "To be" in Paris?
52 Iraqis or Yemenis
54 Acrid or sullen
55 Intense enthusiasm
56 Radio Direction Indicator, acronym
57 Fruit of pine or fir
58 American university
59 As fresh ___ lily? (2,1)

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

C	O	A	T	■	A	N	E	T	■	F	B	I
O	N	C	E	■	V	I	C	I	■	O	P	S
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E	M	C	E	E	■	A	U	R	A	■	■	■
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H	E	L	M	■	P	Y	R	R	H	I	C	■
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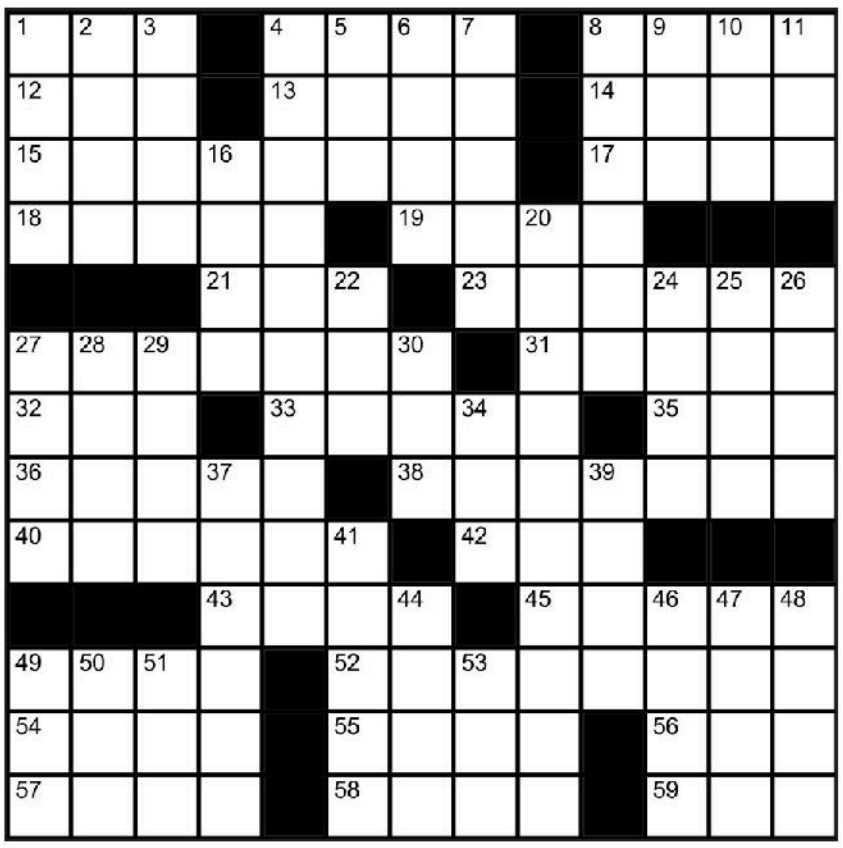
E	S	K	■	E	S	N	E	■	D	I	B	S

DOWN

1 Engrossed
2 Famous cookie
3 Albert's pet name
4 Latin for 'at the first view' (5,5)
5 Ethiopian prince
6 Analogy words (2,2)
7 Flatulent
8 Of extravagantly florid style
9 Black bird
10 Norwegian rug
11 Outer as a prefix ?
16 One's own person
20 Deplorable or regrettable
22 Tie the knot with?
24 Dagger handle
25 Old time ruler of Russia
26 Grecian portico
27 Fizzy drink
28 French elegance
29 King of Israel (BC 877-876)
30 Desmond's pet name?
34 "Ali" turning into a girl?
37 Stick
39 Against
41 Insane
44 An extent of land
46 Ms Ali Khan of Bollywood
47 Wraps up
48 Largest continent
49 PC panic button
50 Additionally
51 Move fast by using one's feet
53 East Indian shrub



SUDOKU

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		7	6				1	4
6						8		
						5		
8	1			4			3	2
		4						
		2						9
3	9				8	6		
		6	2		7			

Answer to previous puzzle

9	7	4	8	3	2	1	5	6
1	8	5	4	6	7	9	2	3
2	6	3	9	1	5	8	7	4
4	3	8	2	7	1	5	6	9
7	5	2	6	4	9	3	1	8
6	9	1	5	8	3	2	4	7
8	2	6	3	5	4	7	9	1
5	4	7	1	9	8	6	3	2
3	1	9	7	2	6	4	8	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SR QMJJZI FTMJ OZROGZ JZGG VRY, FRIXD

MSX WXZMD BMS BTMSCZ JTZ FRIGX.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS P

Friday's Cryptoquip: He that respects himself is safe from others.
He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce.

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- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Somu Sound Engineer (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Hide and Seek (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Karataka Dhamanaka (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Karataka Dhamanaka (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Yodha (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Shaitaan (H) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Siren 108 (Ta) - 4 Shows
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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 5.45 pm, 7.50, 9.55 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm; (S-2) 7.15 pm
Chow Chow Bath (K)	(S-1)	3.25 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Dune Part 2 (E)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Somu Sound Engineer (K)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Mehbooba (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Kerebete (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Bastar - Naxal Story (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Razakar (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Jackie (K)	(S-4)	8 am, 10.50 am, 10.10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.20 pm

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Jackie (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.30 am, 4.15 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	2:05 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Razakar (K)	:	4.15 pm
Razakar (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	4.35 pm
Chow Chow Bath (K)	:	7.10 pm

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Kung Fu panda 4 (E-3D)	:	10 am, 12.15 pm, 3.05 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.35 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	10.15 am
Yodha (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kerebete (K)	:	1.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.30 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	4.25 pm
Jackie (K)	:	7.15 pm
Photo (K)	:	10.20 pm

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Somu Sound Engineer (K)	:	10 am
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.20 am, 3 pm, 10.20 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.20 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	10.50 am, 7.35 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 5.55 pm, 8.10 pm, 10.25 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Jackie (K)	:	1.35 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	4.05 pm
Blink (K)	:	4.40 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 17)

Pt. Sachin *Pt. Avinash*

- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Ganayogi Panchakshari-Puttaraja Music Festival, grand Sarod recital by Pt. Sachin Hampemane accompanied by Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla; grand Hindustani vocal recital by Pt. Avinash Kumar accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Meghashyam Keshav on tabla, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Rangaratnakara:** Releasing of drama books and staging of play 'Yechchamanayaka' (written by K. Hiranaiah) by Rangaananda Kala Sangha, Mysuru; Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan inaugurates, Kannada Vikasa, Shaikshanika, Samajika, Samskrutika Samsthe Secretary Prof. H.G. Krishnappa presides, Kannada Vikasa, Shaikshanika, Samajika, Samskrutika Samsthe Vice-President S.R. Sudarshan chief guest, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Annual Celebrations, Bhajans on Holy Trio by Vid. Gururaj and group, **5.45 pm;** Discourse in Kannada by Nandeesha on 'Kuvempu's Ramayana Darshanam: Vachana - Vyakhyana,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6.45 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** A.V. Prakash memorial concerts, flute concert by Vid. Samrudh Srinivas, accompanied by Vid. C.V. Shruthi (violin), Vid. P. Nataraj (mridanga) and Vid. S. Manjunath (ghata), Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira, Chandramouleeshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**

Vid. Samrudh

- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Usha Harana,' written by Shantakavi (Sakkari Balacharya), directed by Dr. Sripad Bhat, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Gor Mati,' directed by C. Basavalingaiah, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 18)

- **Sri Sadguru Seva Trust and Suyog Hospital:** Free Health Camp (BP, ECG & ECHO - if required), Sri Varasiddi Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple, Paduvarahalli, **9 am to 1 pm.**
- **Sri Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru - Sree Kalanikethana College of Vishul Art:** Inauguration of four-day Digital Art Exhibition, Vitdwath Founder-MD Yogesh (Rohith) M. Patil inaugurates, Sri Kalanikethana School of Art Secretary Baburao presides, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, **11 am.**

Rotary North-Kadamba Award conferred

Mysuru, Mar. 17 (TRR)- "If artistes can closely observe the happenings in the society and understand them properly, acting skills will come automatically. Society is a learning centre for artistes," opined veteran actress Girija Lokesh.

She was speaking after presenting 'Rotary North-Kadamba Award' being given jointly by Rotary Mysore North and Kadamba Ranga Vedike, at a function held at Kirurangamandira, Kalamandira premises in city recently.

"There is lot to learn in theatre just as in life. If open to learning, an artiste can see opportunities in his home too. By closely observing the mannerisms, innocence, plays and antics of small kids and as well as the movements of animals and birds, an artiste can effortlessly portray any role. Observing the attitude of politicians and understanding the life of poor people can help artistes to become good actors," said Girija Lokesh.

Udayakumar of 'Gejje Hejje' fame and artiste Shylaja were conferred with Rotary North-Kadamba Award and felicitated on the occasion.

Kadamba Rangavedike President Rajashekar Kadamba, Rotary Mysore North President M.K. Sridhar, Secretary Raju, M.K. Nanjaiah and G. Subbanarasimha were present on the occasion.

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Jackie (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Kerebete (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Karataka Damaraka (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm; (S-2) 9.55 am
Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	2.35 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	(S-3)	4.40 pm; (S-4) 9.45 am
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 5.30, 7.45 pm, 10 pm

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 3.05 pm, 8.15 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10 am, 12.10 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	10.30 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.50 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.15 pm
Somu Sound Engineer (K)	:	1.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.10 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	4.20 pm
Photo (K)	:	7.10 pm

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